

## Positive Alternatives 2016 - 17 Quarterly Update

**Grantee (Name and city):** Epiphany Caring for Life, Coon Rapids (VENDOR #195049)

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**Goal:** Provide women with information on, referral to, and assistance with securing pregnancy support services.

Utilize the resource database to provide information and make referrals.

**For the period/quarter:** January 1 to March 31, 2017

| Activity or Service              | Activity or Service Description<br>Major Work Plan Activities  | Work Plan Count | Program Progress and Accomplishments<br>Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.   | Report Count |
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| <b>Administrative Activities</b> | <b>Service Coordinator:</b> Provide guidance to grant staff, attend required grant meetings and complete grant forms<br>Financial management of grant funds and donations via Quick Books<br>Schedule/report meetings with staff and/or volunteers<br>Recruits, screens and trains program volunteers<br>Update guidelines and protocols<br>Reorganize and update the baby closet and ECL storage<br>Track baby equipment supply/requests/recalls, develop resources to expand supply<br>Track housing resources and emergency shelter availability. |                 | <b>Service Coordinator:</b> Purchased and tracked distribution of supplies including pack and plays and car seats. Formula distribution and ECL team meeting (1/23/17). In February the service coordinator met to review the new grant application for MDH and attended the new grant webinar (2/9/17). Also escorted a client to court and assisted in setting up a GAL for her children. In March gave a tour of head start to clients children and scheduled blanket making event. |              |

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|  | <p>Meet with parish administration and CORE team regarding additional space and improvements to current physical space.</p> <p><b>Client Service Advocate:</b> Maintain client tracking program and database. Manage care line calls, administer and review intakes. Update training manuals including care line and companion programs. Coordinate companion education/training, support companions, and assess client satisfaction. Coordinate Angel Wings miscarriage support program and volunteers. Maintain and update website and social media Facebook. Research and apply for new fundraising options and grants. Meet with parish administration and CORE team regarding additional space and improvements to current physical space.</p> <p><b>Support Assistant:</b> Procure car seats, review and update baby bed and car seat applications, protocols and guidelines. Provide assistance in completing financial applications. Schedule and meet new clients regarding Safe sleep and car seat safety, and provide additional resources. Meet with clients to provide help with other county/ agency applications.</p> |  | <p><b>Client Service Advocate:</b> Met with 2 potential companion volunteers. Applied for additional funds through MDH grant (2/2/17). ECL team meeting in January. Worked with local preschool to set up a baby shower fundraiser for needed ECL items in March. Launched new website and social media platforms (1/30/17). Designed and put together new brochures to match the website branding (3/1/17). Helped organize storage room and baby closet supplies with new shelving (3/15/17). Worked with Parish administration to update car seat application on parish website.</p> <p><b>Support Assistant:</b> Presented at the Anoka County Public Health Nurse meeting in January (1/27/17). The support assistant continued to review and provide support to clients in filling out applications for qualifying programs. Distributed pack and plays and sleep safety education and car seats and car seat safety education. Met with Hope 4 Youth (teen shelter) coordinator to continue partnership in providing services (2/24/17).</p> |  |
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| <b>Outreach</b>                                       | Increase community access and visibility.<br>Continue community education and maintain contacts.  |                              | The service coordinator met with a local mom's group to coordinate blanket making event (1/30/17). Client service advocate networked with the director of Lex pregnancy resource center in Cambridge (2/12/17).   |    |
| <b>Car Seat Program</b>                               | Review applications and distribute car seats to qualifying clients.<br>Provide car seat education and installation training to clients.   | 4                            | Reviewed and provided support to clients for 12 car seat applications. Distributed car seats and car seat safety education to 4 clients.  | 4  |
| <b>Case Management Services</b>                       | CSA will provide initial assessment and support to incoming clients.<br><br>Follow up with clients regarding need for necessary services; provide additional service information and emotional support.                           | 50                           | Provided case management services to 61 clients, through follow up calls and continued mentoring. Helped 2 clients outside of Anoka County connect with services. Helped 2 youth clients connect with YMCA and Hope 4 Youth services. Gave ECFE resources to new twins mom. | 61 |
| <b>Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education</b>      | Review applications and distribute pack and plays and cribs to qualifying clients<br><br>Provide Sleep Safety Education to clients receiving baby beds.<br><br>One crib per year for clients who have medical disability or twins | 10 pack<br>n plays<br>1 crib | Received and reviewed 24 pack and play applications. Distributed a pack and play and safe sleep education to 20 qualifying clients.   | 20 |
| <b>Financial Assistance/ Application Help Program</b> | Assist clients in completing financial assistance applications within ECL and throughout the community  | 4                            | The support assistant reviewed 36 applications and worked specifically with 6 clients to review their ECL financial applications.   | 6  |

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| <b>Hotline</b>                                   | Provide 24 hour care line for personal support to clients per quarter, by trained staff and volunteers   | 90 | The CSA answered 141 calls total providing program information, referrals, and emotional support.  | 141 |
| <b>Material Support</b>                          | Provide baby & maternity clothing and other baby items.  | 40 | Sixty-eight clients visited the baby closet and received material support.   | 68  |
| <b>Mentoring Programs</b>                        | Provide long term support to clients through trained companions/mentors.   | 4  | Four clients received extensive emotional support from the CSA or companion volunteers. One client received support for setting attainable goals. One client was initially considering abortion and then changed her mind. One teen client was connected with local teen homeless shelter resources. | 4   |
| <b>New Mother Gift Program</b>                   | Provide new mother gift bags to all pregnant or mothers of newborns.   | 18 | Provided new mother gift bags to 30 clients. Gift bags include parenting information, wipes, baby soap, pacifier, onesie, children's book or cd.   | 30  |
| <b>Nutrition</b>                                 | Provide baby food and formula, cub cards for formula, and/or high chairs.<br>Provide food shelf assistance.  | 12 | Forty clients received nutrition support, including formula, baby food, and/or a cub card  | 40  |
| <b>Provide Necessary Services to all clients</b> | Provide intake assessment to determine need.<br>Provide women with information on, referral to and assistance with securing pregnancy support services.<br>Utilize resource database to provide information and make referrals | 25 | Provided an intake assessment material services and/or referral assistance to 49 clients   | 49  |

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| <b>Provide Necessary Services Assessments Only</b> | Provide intake assessment to determine need.<br>Provide women with information on, referral to and assistance with securing pregnancy support services. Utilize resource database to provide information and make referrals | 8  | Provided intake assessments only and assistance through referrals to 9 clients. | 9  |
| <b>Transportation</b>                              | Provide transportation resources to clients and/or gas cards to qualified clients.  | 12 | Fifty-eight clients received transportation resources and/or gas cards.         | 58 |

| <b>Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies</b>   | <b>No.</b> |
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| <i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>                     | 4          |
| <i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>                              | 58         |
| <i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>                            | 58         |
| <i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>      | 58         |
| <i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i> | 20         |
| <i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>                                 | 58         |

**Challenges:**

**Comments:**